

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Cancelled).**

2. **(New)** A method for filtering and monitoring of data transmission in a multi-level system for a plurality of users, the method comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of levels of the system, wherein at least one level comprises filtering and monitoring;

establishing a hierarchy for the plurality of levels, wherein the hierarchy defines levels that are above other levels and levels that are below other levels, wherein each level can inherit any filtering and monitoring of levels above; and

creating a user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels, wherein the user account controls filtering and monitoring applied to other user accounts associated with levels below the at least one of the plurality of levels.

3. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels is able to designate the filtering and monitoring control of the user account to at least one of the other user accounts associated with levels below the at least one of the plurality of levels.

4. **(New)** The method of claim 3 wherein the designated filtering and monitoring control is less than the filtering and monitoring control of the user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels.

5. **(New)** The method of claim 3 wherein the at least one of the other user accounts to which the filtering and monitoring control of the user account has been designated is able to designate as much of the filtering and monitoring control that has been designated to the at least one of the other user accounts to another of the other user accounts associated with levels at or below the level associated with the at least one of the other user accounts.

6. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring is of outgoing data transmissions.

7. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring is of incoming data transmissions.

8. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring is of electronic mail.

9. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring is of attachments to electronic mail.

10. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring is of incoming and outgoing data transmissions.

11. **(New)** The method of claim 2 wherein the filtering and monitoring is based on a plurality of keywords in a master flagged list.

12. **(New)** The method of claim 11 wherein the filtering and monitoring routes a data transmission that includes one of the plurality of keywords to an administrator.

13. **(New)** The method of claim 11 wherein the filtering and monitoring routes to an administrator a data transmission that includes a subset of the plurality of keywords only if the subset of keywords appears in the data transmission in a predefined sequence.

14. **(New)** The method of claim 11 wherein the user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels is able to modify the master flagged list.

15. **(New)** The method of claim 11 wherein the user account associated with the at least one of the plurality of levels is able to designate the filtering and monitoring control of the user account to at least one of the other user accounts associated with levels below the at least one of the plurality of levels so that the at least one of the other user accounts is able to customize the master flagged list.